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SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN AND THE SHAH

REF: TEHRAN 7264, STATE 177920 (TOSEC 080109)

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE FROM ME TO  
THE SHAH:

2. BEGIN MESSAGE:

YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY:

AMBASSADOR HELMS HAS CONVEYED TO ME YOUR HOPE THAT WE WILL  
NOT LET KING HUSSEIN DOWN WITH RESPECT TO HIS PURCHASE OF  
AN AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM FROM THE UNITED STATES. I WANT TO  
ASSURE YOU CATEGORICALLY THAT THE PRESIDENT AND I HAVE

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MADE AND WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT TO PERSUADE

THE CONGRESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR COMMITMENT TO KING  
HUSSEIN IN THIS REGARD, NOT ONLY FOR U.S.-JORDANIAN  
RELATIONS, BUT FOR OUR BROADER INTERESTS AND POLICY  
OBJECTIVES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I AM GLAD TO REPORT THAT  
MANY IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS AND IN PARTICULAR  
OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE STRONGLY SHARE  
OUR DESIRE TO PREVENT THIS MATTER FROM BECOMING AN ISSUE  
IN OUR RELATIONS WITH JORDAN. AS A RESULT OF OUR EFFORTS  
OVER THE PAST WEEK, BOTH HOUSES HAVE AGREED TO DEFER  
ACTION ON RESOLUTIONS PENDING BEFORE THEM TO DISAPPROVE  
THE SALE OF 14 BATTERIES OF HAWK MISSILES TO JORDAN.  
IN ORDER TO GIVE MORE TIME TO SEEK TO WORK THIS MATTER  
OUT SATISFACTORILY, WE FOR OUR PART HAVE AGREED TO KEEP  
OUR PROPOSED SALE TO JORDAN PENDING BEFORE THE CONGRESS  
UNTIL AFTER CONGRESS RETURNS FROM ITS AUGUST RECESS,  
THUS IN EFFECT EXTENDING THE LEGISLATIVE DEADLINE WHICH  
WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE FORCED THE ISSUE TO A VOTE PRE-  
MATURELY THIS WEEK. CONTRARY TO SOME REPORTS YOU MAY  
SEE, WE HAVE NEITHER WITHDRAWN THE PROPOSED SALE FROM  
CONGRESS NOR HAVE WE MADE ANY COMMITMENT TO REDUCE THE  
NUMBER OF HAWK BATTERIES WHICH KING HUSSEIN DESIRES.  
MEANWHILE, WE WILL PROCEED WITH ARRANGEMENTS TO SUPPLY  
TO JORDAN THE VULCAN ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS AND REDEYE  
MISSILES WHICH ARE IMPORTANT ELEMENTS IN THE TOTAL AIR  
DEFENSE SYSTEM KING HUSSEIN SEEKS FROM US, AND TO WHICH  
THERE WAS ALSO INITIALLY CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION IN  
CONGRESS. IT IS OUR STRONG HOPE THAT, IN A CALMER  
ATMOSPHERE AND WITHOUT THE THREAT OF IMMINENT CONGRESSIONA  
DEADLINE, WE CAN ARRIVE AT AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE  
CONGRESS WHICH WILL ALSO MEET KING HUSSEIN'S ESSENTIAL  
NEEDS WITH RESPECT TO THE HAWKS.

WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER. END MESSAGE. INGERSOLL

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